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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Chau Nguyen

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 12-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 08/23/2004 has been entered. Claims 1-11 are canceled. Claims 12-31 are pending.

Double Patenting

2. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double

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patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

3. Claims 12-31 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 25-38 of copending Application No. 09/558,923. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the context of the claimed invention is similar to the context of the cited claims of the Application No. 09/558/923.

Application No. 09/558,923 discloses a method of co-ordinating delivery of Internet content to a user of a computing device including providing a client user interface separate from a conventional web browser, the client user interface operable to display Internet content within a frame defined at least in part by the client user interface, wherein the frame of the client user interface is separate from a frame of the conventional web browser, displaying a menu of user selectable items, wherein at least one of the items corresponds to Internet content and displaying corresponding Internet content through a first frame defined at least in part by the client user interface. It would have been obvious to take an action to provide a display menu of user selectable items so the user can select items of interests and server can locate and send interested items to the user.

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This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 12-13 and 17-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dasan, US Patent No. 5,761,662 and further in view of Furst, US Patent No. 6,297,819.

6. As to claim 12, Dasan discloses a method of providing Internet content to a user of a computing device, the method comprising:

providing a client user interface, the client user interface operable to display Internet content within a frame, wherein the frame is defined at least in part by the client user interface (col. 3, line 55 – col. 4, line 50 and col. 7, lines 22-41); and

displaying first Internet content through the frame defined at least in part by the client user interface (col. 7, line 42 – col. 8, line 21).

Dasan discloses the user selects topic of interest, such as by filling in the field provided by the fill-in forms feature of HTML or CGI (Common Gateway Interface), which is considered to separate from a web browser (col. 7, lines 22-60). However, in order to show a clear picture of an interface that separates from a conventional web browser, Furst discloses a system that provides browser extensions that are based on server processes, and the system includes a core of functionality to which can be added user-selectable component application tools (user interface) that runs on the user's computer and interacts with the user's running web browser (Furst, col. 1, line 55 – col. 2, line 31 and Fig. 1). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Furst and Dasan to interpret that the component application tools (user interface) separate from that of a conventional web browser and wherein the frame of the client user interface is separate from a frame of the conventional web browser. Furst suggests that the system enhances the user's web surfing experience for entertainment, community-building, transaction support, and knowledge acquisition.

7. As to claim 13, Dasan and Furst disclose receiving second Internet content that describes the frame, wherein the second Internet content is used by the client user interface to render the frame (Dasan, col. 11, lines 4-40).

8. As to claim 17, Dasan discloses a method of providing Internet content to a user of a computing device comprising:

receiving a request for Internet content from a client program of the computing device, said client program providing a client user interface operable to display Internet content within a frame, wherein the frame is defined at least in part by the client user interface (Dasan, col. 3, line 55 – col. 4, line 50 and col. 7, lines 22-41);

in response to the request, retrieving information from a database, wherein the information is usable by the client program to present first Internet content through the client user interface (Dasan, Abstract and col. 3, line 55 – col. 4, line 50 and col. 7, lines 22-41); and

transmitting the information to the computing device (Dasan, Abstract).

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conventional web browser and wherein the frame of the client user interface is separate from a frame of the conventional web browser. Furst suggests that the system enhances the user's web surfing experience for entertainment, community-building, transaction support, and knowledge acquisition.

9. As to claim 18, Dasan and Furst disclose wherein the retrieved information comprises a first address of first content, wherein the first address is usable by the client program to retrieve the said first Internet content (Dasan, col. 6, line 20 – col. 7, line 41 and col. 8, lines 4-39).

10. As to claim 19, Dasan and Furst disclose wherein the retrieved information includes a second address of second content (Dasan, col. 6, line 20 – col. 7, line 41 and col. 8, lines 4-39).

11. As to claim 20, Dasan and Furst disclose wherein the second address is usable by the computing device to retrieve the second content (Dasan, col. 6, line 20 – col. 7, line 41 and col. 8, lines 4-39).

12. As to claim 21, Dasan and Furst disclose wherein at least a portion of the second content is usable by the client program to render a frame through which said first Internet content is presented said frame being a part of said client user interface (Dasan, col. 6, line 20 – col. 7, line 41 and col. 8, lines 4-39).

13. As to claim 22, Dasan and Furst disclose wherein the second content includes a definition that fully describes an appearance of the frame through which the Internet content is presented (Dasan, col. 6, line 20 – col. 7, line 41 and col. 8, lines 4-39).

14. As to claim 23, Dasan and Furst disclose wherein the definition is provided by a Web content provider, thereby enabling the Web content provider to control an appearance of the frame when rendered on the computing device (Dasan, Abstract and col. 6, line 20 – col. 7, line 41 and col. 8, lines 4-39).

15. As to claim 24, Dasan and Furst disclose wherein the definition and the first content are both provided by the Web content provider (Dasan, Abstract).

16. As to claim 25, Dasan and Furst disclose wherein said first Internet content comprises content renderable by the conventional web browser program (Furst, col. 3, lines 15-22: Furst's system enhances the user's web surfing experience for entertainment, community-building, transaction support, and knowledge acquisition).

17. Claims 26-31 contain similar limitations as discussed in claims 17-25; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

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18. Claims 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dasan, US Patent No. 5,761,662, Furst, US Patent No. 6,297,819 and further in view of Cragun et al. (Cragun), US Patent No. 6,161,112.

19. As to claim 14, Dasan and Furst disclose the internet content contains URL (Dasan, col. 11, lines 4-40). However Dasan and Furst do not explicitly disclose wherein the second Internet content comprises a GIF file. Cragun discloses web page (internet content) includes picture, audio, video, text, or other means such as GIF (col. 4, lines 20-30). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Cragun and Dasan and Furst to include GIF file in the internet content. By adding components such as GIF or any other images in the internet content would provide the user with a desired overall presentation of the web page.

20. As to claim 15, Dasan and Furst and Cragun disclose wherein the second Internet content comprises an URL address linked to a GIF file (Cragun, col. 4, lines 20-30 since it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Cragun and Dasan and Furst to include GIF file in the internet content. By adding components such as GIF or any other images in the internet content would provide the user with a desired overall presentation of the web page).

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21. As to claim 16, Dasan and Furst and Cragun disclose wherein said first Internet content comprises content renderable by the conventional web browser program (Furst, col. 3, lines 15-22: Furst's system enhances the user's web surfing experience for entertainment, community-building, transaction support, and knowledge acquisition).

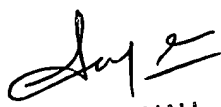
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chau Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-4639. The Examiner's future phone number is (571) 272-4092, which will be effective sometime in October 2004. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild, can be reached at (703) 305-9792.

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